

DECLARATION FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

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Title of the Application: EXPOSURE DEVICE

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention which is entitled: EXPOSURE DEVICE, the specification of which is attached hereto.

The above-titled invention was originally disclosed in one or more foreign patent application(s) to which a claim for foreign priority pursuant to 35 USC § 1.119 37 and CFR § 1.55 has been or will be made in relation to the U.S. Patent Application to which this Declaration pertains. The details related to the foreign patent application(s) to which an appropriate claim for foreign priority has or will be made are as follows:

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Japanese Patent Application No. 10-248902

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 Code of the Federal Regulations, section 1.56.

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following registered practitioner to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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